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11	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
12	DISTRICT OF NEVADA
13	RHONDA TAYLOR MITCHELL,)
14) Case No.: 2:20-cv-01979-DJA Plaintiff,
15	v.) STIPULATION FOR THE AWARD AND
16) PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES AND KILOLO KIJAKAZI,) EXPENSES PURSUANT TO THE EQUAL
17	Acting Commissioner of Social Security, ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)
18	Defendant.
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20	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the parties through their undersigned counsel,
21	subject to the approval of the Court, that Plaintiff Rhonda Taylor Mitchell [Plaintiff] be awarded
22	attorney fees and expenses in the amount of six thousand eight hundred and ninety five dollars
23	(\$6,895) under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d). This amount represents
24	compensation for all legal services rendered on behalf of Plaintiff by counsel Hal Taylor (counsel) in
25	connection with this civil action, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d).
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After the Court issues an order for EAJA fees to Plaintiff, the government will consider the matter of Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees to counsel. Pursuant to *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 598, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 177 L.Ed.2d 91 (2010), the ability to honor the assignment will depend on whether the fees are subject to any offset allowed under the United States Department of the Treasury's Offset Program. After the order for EAJA fees is entered, the government will determine whether they are subject to any offset.

Fees shall be made payable to Plaintiff, but if the Department of the Treasury determines that Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, then the government shall cause the payment of fees, expenses and costs to be made directly to counsel, pursuant to the assignment executed by Plaintiff. Any payments made shall be delivered to counsel.

This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Plaintiff's request for EAJA attorney fees, and does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of Defendant under the EAJA or otherwise. Payment of the agreed amount shall constitute a complete release from, and bar to, any and all claims that Plaintiff and/or counsel including counsel's firm may have relating to EAJA attorney fees in connection with this action.

This award is without prejudice to the rights of counsel to seek Social Security Act attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), subject to the savings clause provisions of the EAJA.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Hal Taylor*

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ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the parties' stipulation (ECF No. 28) is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C.A. § 2412 (ECF No. 27) is DENIED as moot.

DATED this 4th day of October, 2021.

Daniel J. Albregts

United States Magistrate Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I, Chantal R. Jenkins, certify that the following individual was served with a copy of the FOR THE AWARD AND PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES AND EXPENSES PURSUANT TO THE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d) on the date and via the method of service identified below: **Hal Taylor** 2551 W. Lakeridge Shores Reno, NV 89519 775-825-2223 Fax: 775-329-1113 Email: haltaylorlawyer@gbis.com I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated: October 1, 2021 <u>/s/ Chantal R. Jenkins</u> CHANTAL R. JENKINS Special Assistant United States Attorney